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NOTES ON NEW BOOKS.

THE TESTIMONY OF THE ROCKS; or Geology in its Bearings on the two Theologies, Natural and Revealed. By Hugh Miller. With Memorials of the Death and Character of the Author. Boston: Gould & Lincoln:

inspired by the recollection that we have perused German Strauss for its negative. the last of the brilliant treatises which the world may expect from the fertile brain and cunning hand of the writer, is added the keen perception that it betrays no abatement in the natural force of his ples of rationalism on the other, is that in relation

been asking for the last few years of the newest of the sciences." In other words, it is an essay at the reconcilement of Scripture and Goology—a course

The aim which Hugh Miller proposed to himself was a noble one, and nobly has he acquitted himself of the task assumed; and yet we cannot banish the intrusive thought or disguise from ourselves the reluctant conviction that the work, with all its present and immediate interest, is destined to be only provisional in its value as a contribution to what Dr. Hitchcock has called "the Religion of Geology." For it is not until geology shall have coordinated its latest and final discoveries into a

even from his gainsayers the reluctant confession

In all ages of the world religious truth has been compelled to make its appeal to two widely different classes of men-the gross-minded and the speculative, the materialistic and the spiritualizing. The former find their extreme embodiment in the slaves of a debasing Fetichism, unless the distinction should more properly be awarded to the worshippers of Mammon in Christian lands; the latter reach their highest type in the contemplative Brahmins and and leave without excuse each of these classes that the great Apostle of the Gentiles determined to preach only "Christ crucified" alike to the Jews who required a sign and to the Greeks who sought after wisdom, though well foreseeing that to the former such an evangel would prove a "stumbling-block," and be disdainfully rejected by the latter as nothing better than "foolishness."

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dence as the condition of faith, and that rationalism which will receive nothing as divine that cannot be comprehended by the human reason. Yet the two "phases of faith" often meet in the same mind and leave their united impress on the same age. Especially is this true under the Christian dispensation when miracles, ceasing longer to be an ocular demonstration, have themselves become a rational credence. That supernaturalism which originally addressed itself to men "foolish and slow of heart to believe" has in these latter days become the very thesis of rationalistic debate. As to the lettered and philosophic Greek, the very "sign of the prophet Jonas" became a stone of stumbling and rock of effence, insomuch that not only the Epicureans and Stoics of Athens made a mock of Paul on Mars' Hill when "they heard of the resurrection of the dead," but even in the Christian Church of Corinth there were some who refused to credit the supernatural doctrine; so among the intellectual and specu-If this long-promised work of its lamented author lative of modern times there has grown up a Chrishad fallen somewhat below our expectations, the tianity, melting into Infidelity, which, if it has not memory of his tragical and untimely end, as well as yet been reduced from the vagueness of nebular of his former services in the cause of science, lite- hypothesis and conglobated into a perfected system rature, and religion, would have been all too fresh of religious faith, yet represents a sphere of ideas and poignant to admit the indulgence of a harshand which may be sufficiently defined as having the carping criticism. But, when to the natural pathos, German Schleiermacher for its positive pole and the

splendid intellect, we can only contemplate with to the Mosaic cosmogony, or, to speak in closer conwith lingering interest on the pages which contain the last words of one who, as an example of consecrated genius, was equally a blessing and an ornament to his race.

The volume before us, to use his own language, is chiefly taken up in answering, to the best of the author's knowledge and ability, the various questions which the old theology of Scotland has been asking for the last few years of the newest of the science of genius consciousness, the divine cosmogony as revealed to Moses and recorded in the opening pages of the inspired volume. The science of geology has disclosed a chasm, not indeed between the Scriptures and its discoveries, but between the Scriptures and its discoveries, but between its discoveries and the popular comprehension of the popular language employed (and naturally employed) by Moses in the first chapter of the Book of Genesis.

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reconcilement of Scripture and Geology-a compa- ark lest it should be seen to fall into the hands of rison between the cosmological revelations of Moses and the technique of the rocks, as read in the mute Dominican friars and pious Franciscan monks (we ceeded it. And yet equally, if we receive the and the testimony of the rocks, as read in the mute but expressive records of the old Red Sandstone, or, lower down still, on the tables of stone which, in the Silurian system, compose the first and earliest of the geological volumes.

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co-ordinated its latest and final discoveries into a on the other hand, geologists who are not theologians, old a country the seemingly new one really is to a country the seemingly new one really is scientific system which shall be teres at que rotundus in its perfected development that its last words can be pronounced respecting the structure of the globe; and as the progress of discovery has thus far seemed to necessitate from time to time a new theory of biblical interpretation to meet the contemporary pose that the solution of further researches, be found carbon to the post of a mendment, if not destined to be entirely MILLER comes as a mediator and a reconciler. Suppose that the solution of the contemporary and nairiearned critics of a knowledge beyond their compactable between these Ephraims, geological and pose that the solution of creation of the ophidian or served to the creation of the creation of the ophidian or served to the creation of the crea superseded by a new rationale of scriptural exegesis. Equally versed in the doctrines of theology and in while, therefore, the science of geology is yet the facts of geology, so far as the latter science has divine revelation) as a meet representation of ma in an imperfect and plastic shape, we greatly ques- advanced, reading alike the revelations of Holy tion the propriety of bending the text of Scripture Writ and of the "Stony book," he comes to teach the remarkable fact that this order of reptiles makes into forced and unnatural conformity with an ever- that the former, rightly understood, so far from conchanging body of doctrine. We are of those who flicting with the latter, derive from them illustration it belonged in the geologic eras began to sink into believe that the holy book has nothing to fear from and confirmation. And to the task, thus worthy of humiliation and insignificance, until at last, as nov. the book of nature; and that, in the end, the com- his best genius as a geologist, he brings the pious it occupies a very subordinate place in creation: munity of their authorship will be read in only clearer lines by the light they shall mutually shed each upon the other, and both together upon the character and perfections of their Great Original.

We have but little respect for that hesitating credence and valetudinarian pictism which trembles at every thrust of the geologist's spade, and is smitten with a negregative possible repulsive repetitions of the geologist's page and is smitten the dead body into which it converts the former we will be read in only it occupies a very subordinate place in creation:

"And here let us agoin pause for a moment to renark how strangely these iracible repulsive repetitions of the respect to their class by mere vegetative repetitions of the vertebre; condemned to derive, worm-like, their ability of progressive motion from the ring-like scutes of the abdomen; venomous in many of their spectrum the dead body into which it converts the former we call the respect to the respective motion from the ring-like scutes of the abdomen; venomous in many of their spectrum their ability of progressive motion from the ring-like scutes of the abdomen; venomous in many of their spectrum their ability of progressive motion from the ring-like scutes of the abdomen; venomous in many of their spectrum their ability of progressive motion from the ring-like scutes of the abdomen; venomous in many of their spectrum the dead body into which it converts the former we call the respective to the proportion of the reconciling the repulsive repetitions of the vertebre; condemned to derive, worm-like, their ability of progressive motion from the ring-like scutes of the abdomen; venomous in many of their class by mere vegetative repetitions of the vertebre; condemned to derive, worm-like, their ability of progressive motion from the ring-like scutes of the abdomen; venomous in many of the respective motion from the ring-like scutes of the abdomen; venomous in many of the respective motion from the ring-like scutes of the abdomen; venomous in many of the r with a nervous chill at every blow of his hammer. should not rather style it Mezentian. For he, while from their fascinating powers and their great traft; with-We suppose there are "doubting Thomases," whose faith in the Penteteuch would be strengthened if only Mr. Stanley or Dr. Robinson had luckily succeeded in fishing up from the bottom of the Red Sea a chariot wheel or two of the Pharaonic era, theologies, of both natural and revealed religion,

the throughout all time, the "blessed words which proceeded out of his mouth," and which extorted potami; mammoths and mastodons; megalosaurs and iguanodons; creatures which "tempested the of serpents."

ed the ingenuity of a Pococke or a Forster.

It was amid such marvels of the Pre-Adamite earth that Hugh Miller loved to dwell as though "mong fays and talismans;" the passion which in early youth, while yet he patiently wrought as an interpretation of a reversed process in the course of being—of a downward, sinking career, from the wretebrate antetype towards greatly lower types in the invertebrate divisions! The fallen spirit is represent in revelation by what we are now taught to recognise in science as a deed the ingenuity of a Pococke or a Forster. in early youth, while yet he patiently wrought as an humble stone-cutter, drove him. with hammer in hand to chip among the fossil fishes of the Old Red Sandstone or the ammonites and belemites of the Lias, followed him through life, alas with an intendozing Sufis, with their supersensuous speculations sity only too overstrained, and which in the end and theosophic dreams. And it was to confront grew stronger than even reason itself. Of him we may say with more of truth than commonly justifus the sentiment-

The interval is wide between that religious sen-malism which requires external supernatural evi-

"Oh! what a noble heart was then undone. When science's self destroyed her favorite son;
So the struck eagle, stretched upon the plain,
No more through rolling clouds to soar again,
Viewed his own feather on the fatal dart,
And winged the shaft that quivered in his heart."

Of the copious and interesting volume before we shall not undertake to present any summa preferring to remit every reader to its pictured pages themselves for the acquisition of that enjo-ment and instruction which its perusal cannot fi to impart.

We quote, however, a few desultory passion

from the work because of the separate and pecular interest which they seem to possess, apart from the logical connexion which they hold to the arguments and general reasoning of the writer. In allusiq, for instance, to the singular fact that the existing plants and trees of the United States, with nos. few of its fishes and reptiles, bear in their forms and construction the marks of a much greater antiquity than those of Europe, he dilates as follows: "Let me here remind you, in the passing, that tat antiquity of type which characterizes the recent prodetions of North America is one of many wonders, not be solutely geological in themselves, but which, save for herevelations of geology, would have forever remains and the solute of the solute o revelations of geology, would have forever remain noted and unknown, which have been pressed, the last half century, on the notice of naturalists is a circumstance quite extraordinary and unexpect says Agassiz, in his profoundly interesting work on J. Superior, 'that the fossil plants of the Tertiars' Oeningen resemble more closely the trees and which grow at present in the eastern parts of North'n rica than those of any other parts of the world; thus

tradistinction to the great continent of the Waspeak also of the world before the flood as the

See a chariot wheel or two of the Pharonic cra, and which had evidently lain embedded in the sands of that historic spot since the fatal day when its—

"waves o'erthrew

Busiris and his Memphian chivalry.
While with perfiduous harred they pursued The solourners of Goshen, who beheld From the safe shore their floating carcases And broken chariot wheels."

In our view the "lively oracles" need no such tangible and visible attestation, even were it possible to procure it. The internal evidences of the Scriptures must ever remain their most cogent and irrefragable title to the claim they address to the intellect and heart of all men every where as being in very truth the Word of God; for what other book can answer like this the self-questionings of the disquisted soul, or solve those moral problems which haunt the thoughtful spirit? When the disquisted soul, or solve those moral problems which haunt the thoughtful spirit? When the disquisted soul, or solve those moral problems which haunt the thoughtful spirit? When the disquisted soul, or solve those moral problems which haunt the thoughtful spirit? When the disquisted soul, or solve those moral problems which haunt the thoughtful spirit? When the disquisted soul, or solve those moral problems which haunt the thoughtful spirit? When the disquisted soul, or solve those moral problems which haunt the thoughtful spirit? When the disquisted soul, or solve those moral problems which haunt the thoughtful spirit? When the disquisted soul, or solve those moral problems which haunt the thoughtful spirit? When the disquisted soul, or solve those moral problems which haunt are incomplicated in the solution of the disquisted soul, or solve those moral problems which haunt do the control of a solve those moral problems which haunt do the control of a solve those moral problems which haunt the thoughtful spirit? When the disquisted soul, or solve those moral problems which haunt the thoughtful spirit? When the disquisted soul, or solve those moral problems which haunt the thoug ass complied: and thus the perpetual ruewal of youth was for a sup of water transferred from men to the race of serpents.' 'That this gift of perpetial youth should and iguanodons; creatures which "tempested the deep;" birds that clove the air on "sail-broad to render all other demonstration of only secondary value. It was in rebuke of this materializing spirit, which craves a sensuous image in order to "see" before it "believes," that the Messiah significantly said to the Hebrews of his day, "A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign, and there shall no sign be given to it but the sign of the prophet Jonas."

and iguanodons; creatures which "tempested the deep;" birds that clove the air on "sail-broad vans;" reptiles and quadrupeds which haunted the dismal swamps and dark savannahs of the Liassic ages. In the desert of Sinai is found a rocky valley whose sides for miles are scrawled with strange figures and uncouth symbols which allure even though they defy interpretation. To the geologist each rock and cave and miner's shaft becomes a Wady Mukatteb, traced with hieroglyphs more wild and heteroelite than any that ever tasked the ingenuity of a Pococke or a Forster.

> The following citation seems to claim a among our selections equally for is logic and its literary allusion, while one of its illustrative passages must give to it a local interest if the eyes of our Washington readers:

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> "The school of infidelity represented by Bolingbrok and, in at least his earlier writing, by Soame Jenyl and which, in a modified form, attained to much population of the school of the school

h equal eye, as God of all,

The Common Council have been advised, in a communication from Richard Bustreen. Esq., counsel to the control of the services and the rectangularity of its squares, it must now been exceeded simply to be a perfect embodiment of realistic; and, to urge further, that, save in their character as component parts of a perfect whole, the House of Representatives and the mansion of the President were of no more intrinsic importance, or no more decidedly the end of the whole than any low tavern or outhouse in the lesser streets or lanes. The destruction of title are underlying to the service of the whole than any low tavern or outhouse in the lesser streets or lanes. The destruction of title are underlying to the service of the whole than any low tavern or outhouse in the lesser streets or lanes. The destruction of either the outhouse or the House of Representatives would equally form a void in the general plan of the city, such as the city manufacture, have reported the large number of the wards, in view of approaching hot weather, have reported the large number of the health regulations. The extraordinary fact is disclosed that many of these houses he that the many of these houses he to the cat was the period for drawing the city government.

Friday was truly a day of interest to persons holding city stocks and bonds. It was the period for drawing the city government.

The Rev. Bishop Janes, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, sailed yesterday for the Pacific, in the steamer Illinois. He will be absent about six months. He is to preside at the annual conference to be held at Corvallis, Oregon, on the 13th of August, and at San Francisco on the 17th of September. Thus it will be seen that this active sect of christians are extending their labors from the providence of the work of the wards, in view of the cord of the wards, in view of the health regulations. The extraordinary fact is disclosed that many of these houses are occupied by thirty or forty families.

Friday was truly a day of interest to persons holding city would equally form a void in the general plan of the city, regarded as an admirably arranged whole. And it was thus with the grand scheme of creation; for

'From Nature's chain whatever link we strike, Tenth or touth thousand, breaks the chain allke. Nor is it in other than due keeping with such a view of creation that its great Author should be represented as a cold abstraction, without love or regard, and equally increation that its great Author should be represented as a cold abstraction, without love or regard, and equally indifferent to the man and the sparrow, to the atom and the planet. Order has respect to but the relations of things or of beings, not to the things or beings themselves; order is the figure which, as mere etched points or strokes, they compose, the legend which, as signs or characters, they form; and who cares any thing for the component strokes or dots irrespective of the print, or for the component letters or words apart from the writcomponent strokes or dots irrespective of the print, or for the component strokes or dots in the subjoined paragraph:

"Respecting responsibility, my opinion is that the want of a sufficient military or police force in Panama, in view of the peculiar situation of this isthmus, renders the Government responsible for any losses which may have been sustained by foreigners, who naturally expect from the component of the print, or directly with some of the ablest diplomatists of Europe, apread to the Panama disturbances, and he asks the Government in the subjoined paragraph.

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'With worthy thoughts of that unvaried love
That planned and built and still upholds a world,
So clothed with beauty, for rebellious man.'

Strange to say, however, it is to the higher exponents of natural science, and in especial to the geologists, that it has been left to deal most directly with the sophistries of Bolingbroke and Pope."

The subjeined metaphysical speculations, with which we must conclude our excerpts, though we could greatly add to their number, and with them to the gratification of the reader, will recall to the admirers of that grandest and devoutest of thinkers among the French, Blaise Pascal, the suggestive reflections contained in his fragmentary "Thoughts" on the grandeur and misery of human destiny :

"It has been well'said of the Author of all by the poet, that, 'binding nature fast in fate,' he 'left free the human will.' And it is this freedom or independency of will operating on an intellect moulded after the image and likeness of the Divinity that has rendered men capable of being what the Scriptures so emphatically term 'fellow-workers with God.' In an humble and restricted sense, as I have already remarked—humble and restricted, but in that restricted sense obviously true-the surface of the earth far and wide testifies to this fact of fellowship in working. The deputed lord of creation, availanimal of the old geologic ages ever did, or ever could have done-he adorns and beautifies the earth, and adds this special sense, then, he is a fellow-worker with Him who, according to the Psalmist, 'causeth the grass to wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil that maketh his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth But it is in a greatly higher sense, and in reference to God's moral laws, that he is fitted to be his fellow-worker in the scriptural sense. And his proper employment in this department is the elevation and development, moral and intellectual, of himself and his felow-men, both in adaptation to the demands of the pre-

sent time and in preparation for a future state.

"All experience, however, serves to show that in this paramount department man greatly fails; nay, that he is paramount department man greatly fails; nay, that he is tive in examining the infected localities, with a view to tion of all parties. infinitely less true to his proper end and destiny than the beaets that perish to their several instincts. And yet it may be remarked that such of the lower animals as are guided by pure instinct are greatly more infallible with-in their proper spheres than the higher, half-reasoning animals. The mathematical bee never constructs a false angle; the sagacious dog is not unfrequently out in his calculations. The higher the animal in the scale, the greater its liability to error. But it is not the less true that no fish, no reptile, no mammal of the geologic or the recent ages ever so failed in working out the purposes it was created to serve as man has failed in working out his; further, in no creature save in man does there exist that war of the mind between appetite and duty of which the Apostle so consciously complained. And we must seek an explanation of these twin facts in that original ble of being of choice God's fellow-worker, also conferred on him an ability of choosing not to work with God. And his choice of not working with him, or of working against him, being once freely made, we may see how, from man's very constitution and nature, as an intelli-gence united to matter that increases his kind from generation to generation in virtue of the original a lapsed creature may be as unequivocally a consequent of man's own act, as the condition of individuals bor free, but doomed to slavery in punishment of their of-fences, is a consequence of their own acts. A brief survey of the many-colored and variously-placed human family, as at present distributed on the earth, may enable us in some degree to conceive of a matter which, involving, as it does, that master problem of moral science, the origin of evil, seems, as I have said, not to be

GENERAL NEWS LETTERS

NEW YORK CORRESPONDENCE.

New York, MAY 2, 1857.

ourts and people of the city are still as
th questions growing out of the new polivarious points have been raised and a
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bear an interest of only five per cent.; the new revenue active sect of christians are extending their labors from bonds are to pay seven.

Real estate sales for the week, principally of up-town and Brooklyn property, indicate a close of the busy season in this respect, the amount being something over

The City Hall Commissioners to superintend and manage the building of the new edifice authorized by the Legislature have taken the oath of office.

By a decision of the Marine, Court the Commissioners of Emigration are liable for baggage lost at Castle Garden in all cases where baggage is received and checked York has afforded the Journal of Commerce an opportu-

And in Cowper himself we find all Goldsmith's intense the flowest class of the continued acts of brutality committed by the lowest class of the continued acts of brutality committed by the lowest class of the California passengers."

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policy of partitioning Nicaragua amongst the neighboring States. It calls upon President Buchanan to intertogether the prominent circumstances with great skill.

issue bonds therefor.

after the 30th April. Mayor Woon, on the other hand, Republicans had sold some of the free soil of Maine for is disposed to withhold his signature from papers providing for payments under the new charter.

The case made up for trial yesterday, in which the The papers are still discussing the subject of the people, on the relation of Fernando Wood, were the plain- quality as well as the quantity of the State legislation iffs, and Simeon Draper and others were the defendants, at Albany. The New Yorkers are very restive under the was disposed of by Judge Clerke in favor of the latter. idea that they are in effect deprived of all voice in their The substance of the decision is, that the defendants, the own municipal affairs, and that they are hereafter to be new Commissioners, have due warrant of law to hold, governed altogether through the Legislature at Albany. use, and enjoy their respective offices of Police Commissioners for the Metropolitan Police District of the State have been improperly created, and that they are chosen of New York, with all the powers and authority pertain- by an outside central power. There have been nearly grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man, and ing thereto, and do now lawfully hold the same. The one thousand laws enacted, and the Mirror describes case was therefore dismissed, and an appeal from this them as "crude, incongruous, and ill-digested." judgment was argued to-day.

From the report of the City Inspector it would appear large number of applications for appointments to office. that the health of the city was not so good the last week, Judge Whiring has declined the office of general superthe number of deaths showing an increase of fifty-nine intendent of the department. The salary is \$3,000. over the previous week. Consumption generally shows The Hoboken people have had a merry-making over the largest proportion, and scarlet fever is second in the inauguration of their new Mayor and City Conneil. perfect purification before the hot weather sets in.

view to prevent frauds on passengers, have determined paired. to allow the sale of tickets only at the regular offices. John F. A. Sanford, an eminent merchant of the city,

the investigation of the Matsell case, (somewhat noto- life as a trapper and ended it in the possession of wealth; rious,) it has been decided by Judge Davies that none but this was beyond his enjoyment, as he died insane. can be recovered, the counsel of the Corporation being, He deserved commisseration even in the midst of his under the charter, the proper person "to have charge of great wealth. and conduct" all the law business of the Corporation. Comptroller FLAGG has given an exposition of the The Judge, in his opinion, stated that it was one of the financial affairs of the city, from which it appears that main objects of the Legislature, in framing the charter, there is an annual tax of seven or eight millions of dolto divest the Common Council and its committees of all lars, and still the treasury is laboring under embarrasspatronage and business other than legislative. He thinks ment. The ordinary expenses of the city government it would be equitable, however, that the plaintiff in the are over four and a half millions; the amount paid for case should be compensated, but does not suggest how the State schools and the support of the State govern-

law, the ability of again working with God might be cise law, if faithfully enforced, in eradicating the evils forever destroyed. And thus man's general condition as of liquor shops. They are taking measures to invite the seven hundred thousand for the acquisition of new land co-operation of all good men in proventing the issue of for the new Croton reservoir. Thus it will be seen that icences to improper persons.

In Broaklyn the Auditor has refused to certify the of police or clerks until the matter is decided. A communication to this effect has been sent to the chief of

are, with a bill to amend the school law.

ECKEL, for the murder of Dr. Burdell, was commenced prising people of that far-off country into a closer comon Monday, before Judge Davies, in the Court of Oyer munication with the seat of the General Government.

art, has issued an close law, thinks the act was performed close manner. The Mayor's powers have been stridged by the act, so the at the police is contract acts of the contract of the contra

main as they were.

shore to shore.

The new steamer Vanderbilt sailed yesterday for Southampton and Havre with two hundred and twelve passengers and over \$400,000 in specie.

The heavy rains of the past week have caused a freshet in various places on the Hudson, and the streets of Albany have been again flooded. Some of the railroad tracks have suffered damage, but travel has not been seriously interrupted.

The return of Ex-Secretary Marcy to the city of New nity to put forth a prophecy. It says: "This veteran

Burden is progressing, in the presence of a dense crowd The Sun, it will be seen, protests against the projected of curious listeners. The District Atterney, Mr. Hais

pose, by a timely and emphatic word, to arrest this Po- The Legislature of Maine has taken "a step back, landizing game, considered injurious to American in- ward on the slavery issue. Hog Island and a batch of rocks at the mouth of the Kennebec were wanted by the The total deficiency in the State, school, and county United States Government for the erection of lighthouses, tax from April, 1850, to April, 1857, inclusive, for Kings towards which object Congress appropriated at the last county, is found to be \$181,864. An order has been session the sum of \$750,000. The Senate of Maine passmade to borrow money to meet this deficiency and to ed the bill ceding these places to the nation, but attached New York, May 5. to it a clause providing that slavery should not be allowed there. The House of Representatives struck out this It has already been stated that Comptroller FLAGG re- freedom clause, and, after some hesitation, the Senate consented to the amendment. This afforded the Demopay any bills contracted under the old order of things crats an opportunity for indulging in the taunt that the

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The new Police Commissioners have before them

amount. The City Inspector and his deputies are ac-

The sloop-of-war Saratoga is in the dock, and part of The Commissioners under the new emigrant law, with her crew discharged. She is to go to sea as soon as re-

In a suit to recover fees for extra counsel employed in died on Tuesday, in the 51st year of his age. He began

ment was above eight hundred thousand dollars, and on The Executive Committee of the New York City Temerance Alliance anticipate much good from the new exevery thing is done here upon a magnificent scale.

The Boston folks expect the attendance of President Buchanan and a portion of his Cabinet on the 17th of the new police commissioners, and will not pay the chief June, at the inauguration of the statue of Gen. WARREN,

Mails to New Mexico. Postmaster General Brown Gov. King has appointed a commission of some of the has ordered an additional monthly trip, making the serest men of the city to examine into the condition of the vice semi-monthly, over the entire route from Indepenmmon school system, and report to the next Legisla- dence, Missouri, to Santa Fe, in New Mexico, a distance of 840 miles. This will not only double the mail facili-The trial of Mrs. Cunningham, indicted, with J. J. ties in a business point of view, but bring the enter-